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To: Microsoft ATR
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Dear Sir or Madam:

I am writing in favor of the settlement the Dept. of Justice has reached with Microsoft. I am a self-employed CPA and a Microsoft shareholder. I have followed the case closely over the last several years. During this time, I have read the trial transcripts, the briefs, the court opinions, and most other commentary on the case.

In my opinion, the proposed settlement closely mirrors the Court of Appeals decision and makes reasonable inferences on how the Court would rule on things it did not consider. I especially like Assistant Attorney General Charles James's recent comment to the Senate Judiciary Committee about how a mythology has grown up about this case. The Court found violations, but many other claimed violations were thrown out. The proposed settlement of the nine litigating states, in contrast, bears no relation to the Court's decision, and simply seems to want to destroy Microsoft.

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